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IN RE APPLICATION

OF: BESTE ET AL.

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EXAMINER: E. G. THEBKORN

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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of February 13, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the following
remarks and the attached amendments¹⁾ be entered and considered by the Examiner:

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter and consider the changes made in the claims
which are indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper. According-
ly, Claims 1 and 8 are reworded to better bring out the nature of applicants' invention.

More particularly, applicants have revised the claim language to further emphasize that the
process is adapted for the purification of ionic liquids,²⁾ and that the polar, high boiling compound

1) Cf. the Claim Amendments set forth in Appendix I on pages 8 and 9 of this paper.

2) Cf., e.g., page 1, indicated lines 3 and 4, and page 12, indicated lines 1 to 8, of the application

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